

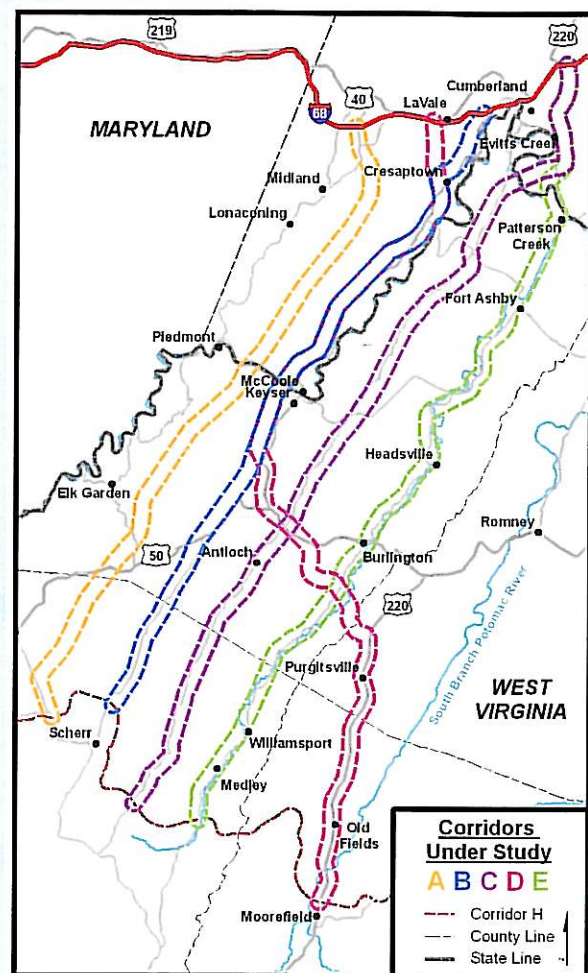
## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) have scheduled three identical meetings to present information on the U.S. Route 220 Tier One Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The study area for the project includes all or parts of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral counties in West Virginia and Allegany County in Maryland.

The purpose of this project is to develop an improved transportation corridor connecting Interstate 68 and Appalachian Development Highway System Corridor H. An upgraded north-south corridor would support efforts to increase mobility and regional commerce for residents, businesses, and visitors. It would also serve north-south interstate travel movements and support economic development throughout the region.

## WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- 🚗 The project is a joint endeavor of the WVDOT and the MDSHA.
- 🚗 The purposes of the public workshops are to present information on the project's purpose and need, recommend corridors to be retained for further analysis, and gather comments.
- 🚗 The workshops will be held in an open-house format. Displays will provide background information on the project.
- 🚗 There will be no formal presentations, but staff members of the WVDOT and MDSHA are on-hand to answer your questions and hear your concerns.



## WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS

**MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007**

**4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

MOOREFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
401 NORTH MAIN STREET  
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836

**TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007**

**4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

KEYSER PRIMARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
700 HARLEY D. STAGGERS, SR. DRIVE  
KEYSER, WV 26726

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007**

**5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

BEL AIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
14401 BARTON AVENUE  
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



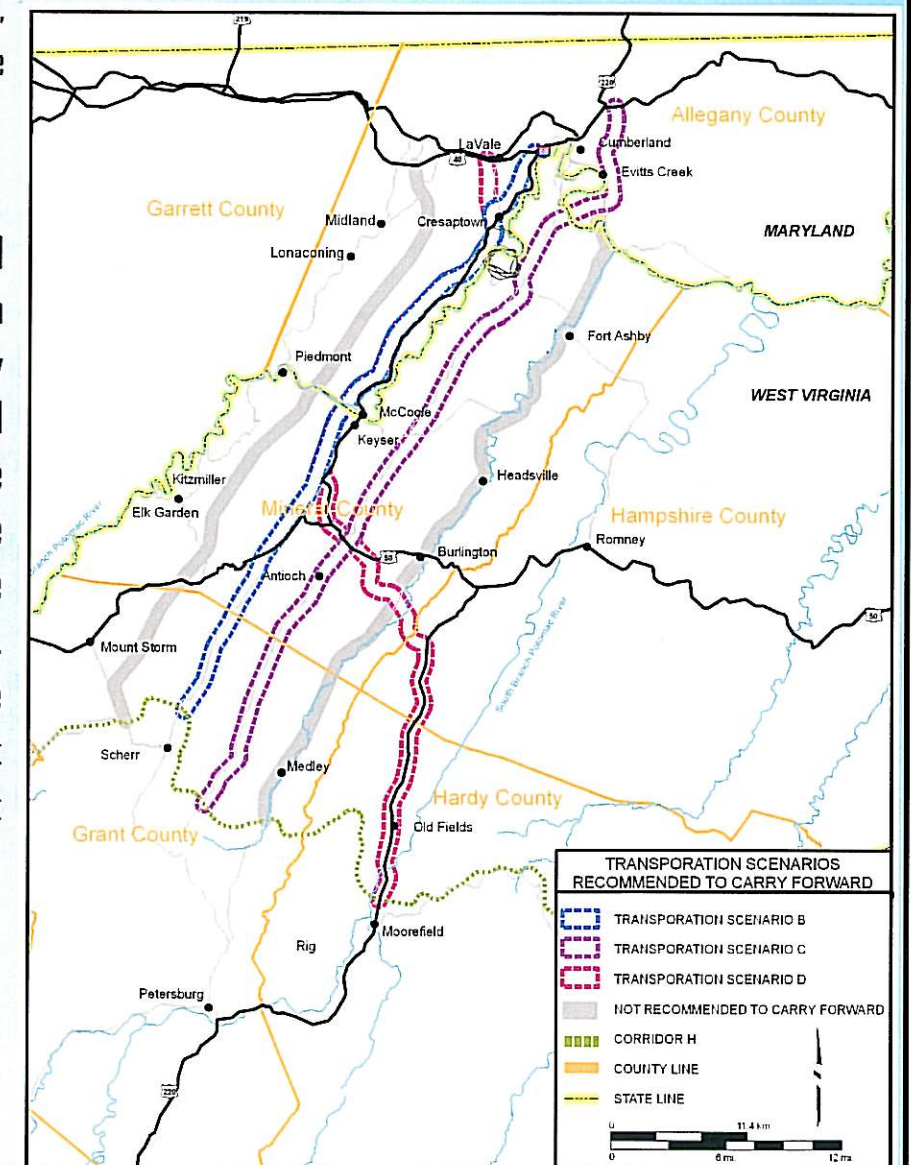
## THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requires that the potential environmental impacts be assessed for every federal action that could "significantly affect the quality of the human environment." An environmental impact statement is required when it is apparent from the beginning of the project, or through subsequent analysis, that the proposed project is likely to have a major effect on the human environment.

The Draft EIS for the proposed project will be prepared by WVDOT, in cooperation with MDSHA, for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a tiered document. The tiered process will provide a systematic approach for advancing the best transportation improvements for the area in the most cost-effective manner. The analyses undertaken during Tier One will lead to the identification of the most practical corridor for carrying out transportation improvements and a record of decision on a possible program of projects for that corridor. Subsequently, more detailed alternatives can be developed within that corridor during Tier Two.

## PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE STUDY CORRIDORS

- 🚗 Current transportation deficiencies limit regional mobility.
- 🚗 The project area has inadequate roadway capacity.
- 🚗 There are safety deficiencies on some of the area's roadways.
- 🚗 There is a need to support economic development efforts in the area.
- 🚗 Additional system linkage is needed to complete the regional road network.





## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Feel free to discuss the project with the MDSA and WVDOH staff available at the public meetings. You may also mail your comments to:

**Mr. Greg Bailey, P.E.**  
**Director, Engineering Division**  
**West Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Division of Highways**  
**State Capitol Complex**  
**1900 Kanawha Boulevard, E**  
**Building 5**  
**Charleston, WV 25305**

All comments should be provided to the WVDOH by May 31, 2007.

If you are interested in more information about this project, the PURPOSE AND NEED Statement and the CORRIDORS RETAINED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS Preliminary Draft are available for the public to review. They are housed at locations throughout the project area, as follows:

### **Allegany County**

Allegany County Office Complex (Cumberland)  
Allegany County Library (Washington Street, Cumberland)  
MDSA District 6 Office (LaVale)

### **Grant County**

Grant County Courthouse (Petersburg)

### **Hardy County**

Hardy County Courthouse (Moorefield)  
Hardy County Public Library (Moorefield)

### **Hampshire County**

Hampshire County Courthouse (Romney)

### **Mineral County**

Burlington Public Library  
Keyser-Mineral County Public Library  
Mineral County Courthouse (Keyser)  
WVDOH District 5 Office (Burlington)

## NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM CORRIDOR INTERSTATE 68 TO CORRIDOR H

## U.S. ROUTE 220 TIER ONE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS MAY 2007

### PURPOSE AND NEED

### CORRIDORS RETAINED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS

